

# KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT  
B. Smith

CHAIRMAN  
T. Rycraft

SECRETARY  
Ms M Fitzgerald

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at Langley Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT  
Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs J Davey, Mr D Carpenter, Mr A Spelman, Mr F Davis & Mr M Wiedeholz
2. APOLOGIES  
None.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING  
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and the minutes from the AGM be accepted. However, Mrs Davey asked if a record could be added for the open forum as an addition to the AGM minutes like the ESMBA. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
  - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson confirmed that all entry forms (including the nationals) have been sent to clubs (via email where possible) for the coming season.  
  
Mrs Watson confirmed most of the Trophies have been passed to Aford Awards for engraving; a few remain to be collected and she will organise these in the coming weeks.  
  
She confirmed that the Club Championships which are being held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September clashes with a County game and she therefore asked if someone else could run it in her absence. This was agreed unanimously. She went on to report that the Autumn Triples competition being held in Snodland on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October is now full.  
  
Following the A team's success last year in becoming the National Champions an invite had been received for them to play the England team. Unfortunately, this date clashed with the presentation day on 18<sup>th</sup> September; it was therefore agreed that she would look at the existing dates and try to re-arrange the presentation date to allow the A team to participate.  
  
The Chairman confirmed that notifications for the Bert Allard Junior competition have now been sent and 3 entries have been received to date. He confirmed that he will continue to push for entries from our junior players.
  - (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz requested a budget for a trophy for the new annual Kent v Essex friendly fixture. After some discussion Mr Spelman confirmed he would like to sponsor this trophy for and on behalf of the Kent umpires. The whole committee wanted to express their thanks for this kind gesture.
  - (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Following the 2010/11 AGM where un-audited accounts were presented to the members. A number of protocols needed review and the Treasurer was asked by the committee to seek further advice. Mrs Davey gave a full written report to the committee of meetings with Neville Denby, Larkins Accountants and Richard Boorman where these points were highlighted; she expressed her thanks to them for their time and advice and hoped the committee would take on board their recommendations.

Following the above recommendations the committee agreed to raise the following proposals with the members at an SGM which are intended to ensure the accounts are independently reviewed and published prior to an AGM:-

- 1) To extend the AGM date from June to 'anytime up to the end of July'
- 2) To close the books at the end of March.
- 3) To change the accounts checker from being an Auditor to an Independent Reviewer.
- 4) To add an entry into the constitution that states the accounts will be audited, signed off by the

committee and published to the members with the proposals, agenda and nominations.

- 5) To add an entry into the constitution that confirms that 'the accounts of the association shall be audited by an independent reviewer who is appointed by the AGM'

It was also confirmed to the Treasurer that it is good practice for her to confirm details of expenses claimed and to report this information within her meeting reports. The committee agreed.

The season's starting balance was £14,572.93. Interest of £1.40 has been credited for the 3 months to June and £368.81 was paid out for secretarial expenses making a balance of £14,205.52. She went on to confirm that the 2010/2011 Association Accounts were due back from the nominated reviewer Mrs Julie Bradshaw in the middle of August.

- (d) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton had nothing new to report.
- (e) **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA):** Mrs Davey asked that we minute that on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of September a 'Have Mat Will Travel' event is taking place in the Detling Show Ground during the Autumn garden show. Any volunteers would be welcome; they should contact Mrs Davey.

She confirmed that following the initial 'Have Mat Will Travel' event 189 potential new bowlers were identified

The Secretary will issue a list of affiliated club contacts to Mrs Davey on behalf of the BDA; any club wishing ***to be excluded*** from contact by new members should advise Mrs Jan Davey direct.

- (f) **COACH UPDATE:** Mr Coles confirmed he will initiate quotations during November; Mrs Benton asked that he include Brookline as she had found them to be excellent in the past.
- (g) **KCSMBA 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** The Chairman confirmed that we have just started our 24<sup>th</sup> year and that we should look forward to our Silver Jubilee Season in 2012/13.

After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Coles will investigate prices for a weekend coach trip to Belgium for a bowls trip & for a day trip to Belgium/France. Mr Wiedeholz will contact the first Irish and Welsh zone teams that Kent played after winning their first & second ICC campaigns.

Other ideas to celebrate this significant occasion should be investigated and suggestions are open and welcome from our members. Please contact the Secretary with your ideas.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- (b) **GENERAL:** Following the AGM where an SGM was agreed to ratify an audited set of accounts the Committee are looking for a venue in the Maidstone area on or around October 14<sup>th</sup>. Clubs will be notified when the date & venue is confirmed.

To aid the members and the Committee the Secretary agreed to forward some proposed dates for this season's meetings.

Mr Wiedeholz announced his intention to stand down as County Team Manager at the close of this season. The Chairman and committee wanted to extend their thanks to Mark for his 7 years service, his dedication and hard work on our behalf. Further information will be published by the committee in the coming months.

Mr Spelman confirmed that the Kent Umpires now have fixture lists for the coming season and that the initial dates have nominated umpires; this will be passed to Sonia Watson in due course.

Mrs Davey requested that committee contact details are published on the official Kent website; agreed by the committee. The Secretary will forward a list to Mr Mick Sayer the Web Manager.

## 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.58



SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011

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***And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on [anthony.mulcuck@sky.com](mailto:anthony.mulcuck@sky.com)***

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